Demands for Excess Grants (General) for 1993-94 submitted to the Vote of the Lok Sabha

No. of Demand	Name of Demand	Amount of Demand submitted to the vote of the House
1.	**EXPENDITURE MET FROM REVENUE**	
14.	Postal Services	16,79,91,247
33.	Pensions	6,41,12,316
61.	Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources	1,57,430
2.	**EXPENDITURE MET FROM CAPITAL**	
57.	Ministry of Labour	4,29,764
65.	Planning	9,13,192
96.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	22,477

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV (Silchar) : We want only one assurance from the hon. Finance Minister. After it is passed, he will go to his Office and release the money for the MPs' Local Area Development. This is the only assurance we want from the hon. Minister and nothing else. Let him say something on this.

MR. SPEAKER: I can assure you that the money is available for this scheme. I have gone through it. It is not necessary for the Finance Minister to release it now. I assure you that it is already there.

I shall now put the Demands for Grants on Account (General) for 1996-97 to vote.

The question is :

"That the respective sums not exceeding the amounts on Revenue Account and Capital Account shown in the third column of the Order Paper be granted to the President out of the Consolidated Fund of India, *on account*, for or towards defraying the charges during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1997 in respect of the heads of Demands entered in the second column thereof against Demand Nos. 1 to 26, 28, 29, 31 to 59, 61 to 91, 93, 94 and 96 to 101."

The motion was adopted

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: I shall now put the Demands for Excess Grants (General) for 1993-94 to vote.

The question is :

"That the respective excess sums not exceeding the amounts shown in the third column of the Order Paper be granted to the President out of the Consolidated Fund to India to make good the excess on the respective grants during the year ended 31st day of March, 1994, in respect of the following demands entered in the second column thereof - Demand Nos. 14, 33, 57, 61, 65 and 96."

The motion was adopted.

[English]

SHRI S. BANGARAPPA (Shimoga) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to make one submission. The hon. Finance Minister while presenting the Budget proposals for the current year has suggested that there will be enhancement of money in respect of each of the Assembly Constituency. It is at his disposal. Now, I leave everything to the hon. Speaker. It is to be seen whether the ball is in the court of the Speaker or in the court of the Finance Minister. I do not know where exactly the ball lies now. I would like to know from you Mr. Speaker, when are you going to exactly take up the cause of the Members of Parliament.

MR. SPEAKER: The Speaker is also a Member like you. Do not worry.

12.32 hrs.

Appropriation (Vote on Account) *No. 2 Bill, 1996

[English]

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of a part of the financial year 1996-97.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of a part of the financial year 1996-97."

The motion was adopted

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : I Introduce** the Bill.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): I beg to move.

"That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of a part of the financial year 1996-97, be taken into consideration."

* Introduced and moved with the recommendations of the President.

** Published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-II, Section-II, dated 26.7.96.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is:

"That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of a part of the financial year 1996-97, be taken into consideration.

The motion was adopted.

12.36 hrs.

APPROPRIATION (NO. 2) BILL, 1996*

[English]

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the authorisation of appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Fund of India to meet the amount spent on certain services during the financial year ended on the 31st day of March 1994 iin excess of the amounts granted for those services and for that year.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the authorisation of appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Fund of India to meet the amounts spent on certain services during the financial year ended on the 31st day of March, 1994 in excess of the amounts granted for those services and for that year."

The motion was adopted.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : I Introduce** the Bill

MR. SPEAKER: Now motion for consideration.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: I beg to move:

"That the Bill to provide for the authorisation of appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Fund of India to meet the amounts spent on certain services during the financial year ended on the 31st day of March, 1994 in excess of the amounts granted for those services and for that year be taken into consideration."

MR. SPEAKER : The question is:

"That the Bill to provide for the authorisation of appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Fund of India to meet the amounts spent on certain services during the financial year ended on the 31st day of March, 1994, in excess of the amounts granted for those services and for that year, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted

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** *Introduced and moved with the recommendations of the President.*

MR. SPEAKER : The House will now take up Clause by Clause consideration of the Bill.

The question is:

"That clause 2 to 4 stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

Clause 2 to 4 were added to the Bill"

MR. SPEAKER : The question is:

"That the schedule stands part V of the Bill"

The motion was adopted.

The Schedule was added to the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is :

"That clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: I beg to move:

"That the Bill be passed."

MR. SPEAKER : The question is:

"That the Bill be passed."

The motion was adopted

CONSERVATION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND PREVENTION OF SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL

[English]

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : Sir, the Convervation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, 1974 (COFEPOSA) was enacted to provide for preventive detention in certain cases for the purposes of:

(a) Conservation and augmentation of foreign exchange (with reference to foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973 or FERA); and

(b) Prevention of smuggling activities and for matters connected therewith.

In recent years, India has been facing a serious problem on smuggling activities at International Airports and Sea Ports. The menace of smuggling has not abetted in any way despite the import of five kilograms of gold and hundred kilograms of silver per passenger allowed by Government on payment of nominal custom duty in convertible foreign exchange. Even though a number of measures under the Customs Act, 1962 have been taken in the past namely adjudication and prosecution proceedings and the provisions for preventive detention under the COFEPOSA Act, 1974, smuggling continues to be a serious problem to our economy.